Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - MAY 2026

Club Meetings - 2nd Monday each month. 6:30pm at
Col & Leanne's : 30 Manilla Road, Oxley Vale, Tamworth

Last meeting : Mon 11th May 2025. 6:30pm.

Next meeting : Mon 8th June 2025. 6:30pm.

"Bushie Roundup" social get-together weekend .
Wallabadah, 2015.

Facebook : Tamworth 4wd Club

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tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Tamworth 4wd Club

Tamworth 4wd Club is a family orientated club. We cater for family participation in recreational four wheel driving and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction. Club trips can be one day or weekend drives into the state forests and national parks of the local area. Trips of longer duration to various parts of Australia (Simpson Desert, Fraser Island, Cape York, Victorian High Country) are planned annually and in advance. The choice of trips you take is entirely yours, from easy scenic trips to beautiful areas of near inaccessible terrain. Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Christmas-in-July social weekend, demonstrations and inter-club activities.

2026-2027 Committee

President	- Col Middleton	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Vice President	- Dave Maunder	
Secretary	- Katrina Burton	e: secretary.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Treasurer	- Leanne Middleton	e: treasurer.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Association Delegate	- Dave Maunder	e: delegate.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Publicity Officer	- Katrina / Adrian	
Equipment Officer	- Paul Ellison	
Newsletter Editor	- Dave Maunder	
Public Officer	- Graeme Hodge	
Driver Awareness Officers	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Dave Maunder	
Trip Advisors	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Paul Ellison, Dave Maunder	

BANK DETAILS
Tamworth 4WD Club
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30 Manilla Road, Oxley Vale, Tamworth 2340.

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

Thanks to all for turning up to the AGM. Great to see.
Congratulations to everyone in getting their old jobs back. Even though Col and I tried in vain to not pass the motion.

Minutes of both of the monthly meeting and the AGM are within.

Combined 50th Anniversary / Christmas in July details:
50th Anniversary dinner to be held at Wallabadah Pub, Friday night 24th July. Invites to go to sponsors.

Saturday night three course meal Dinner : $20/adults, $10 kids.
RSVP by 15th July. Payment to be made preferably beforehand to clubs bank details.
Contact Leanne if any issues.
Invites to the Saturday night dinner, bonfire & camping will go out to Wallabadah residents and sponsors.

"Keep the Sunny side up" — Graeme.

Have fun.
-Editor

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES — May 2026

Meeting started 6:28pm 10 members. 0 visitors.
Chair: Colin
Apologies Jodie, Chrissy.
Minutes true & correct. Missed recording.

Business Arising
-50th anniversary. - proposed alternative restaurant idea to get dignitaries. Idea was scrapped.
- Friday night 50tth anniversary dinner at Wallabadah Pub, invites to go out.
- combined with Christmas in July. Held at Wallabadah.
- initial ad poster done; invites to go out.

Meeting location : Call out to go to various Tamworth Facebook groups requesting for placed for monthly meetings. Club is prepared to pay up to $20 to 25 per month for the use of a facility with a roof, toilets, and preferably the use of a heated room for winter.

Financials.
Working Acc: missed being recorded.
Reserve Acc: : missed being recorded.

Correspondence in
-May Association Newsletter.
- help required at RTA for CVS by Anthony. Dave missed phone calls. Thankfully got things sorted with the help of Kelly Thomas at Association..
-Dubbo April newsletter.

Correspondence Out
-April clubs newsletter
-May Association Newsletter.
-Dubbo April newsletter. (still to be done at time of writing)

General Business
- Membership renewal.
- Discussions around National Park access and possible MOU between NP and Tam 4wd Club. Dave to look into.
-Further discussion regarding 50th anniversary. Combined with Christmas in July.
Saturday night Dinner : - $20 adults, $10 kits under 14. RSVP 15/June.
-AGM : April
-Discussion around Life Membership, in the AGM
-Social inter-club meeting. Only four clubs represented this meeting. Discussion points on:
- Bio security with crown lands and national parks. Right of way and enclosed permits
-4wd EVs joining clubs. Deserts & water crossing issues.
- Recovery points on Chinese vehicles
- Fuel impacts on club trips.

Trips

Barrington Tops week long trip—See/call Graeme Hodge. From about 17/may to 24/may

Attunga Forest recky day trip. (Paul) To be announced as a day outing.
Announcement may be on the Facebook group.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set
Mountains and Pebbly Beach.

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

AGM MINUTES — May 2026

Meeting started	7:24pm	10 members. 0 visitors.
Chair:	Colin, then Graeme.	
Apologies	Jodie, Chrissy.	
Minutes true & correct.	Missed recording.	

Introductory and welcome

Colin stepped down, Graeme chaired. Graeme not voting.

Presidents Report
"Well its been another 12 months, unfortunately a very quiet one. A few trips were run early on but the price of fuel has taken its toll. The hope is that things will get better soon. Looking forwards to the next 12 months with hopefully some new members, and more people able to attend trips & functions."
Colin. President.

Treasures Report (see over page)

Business Arising

Correspondence in

Correspondence Out

General Business
Adding a new bi-law into the clubs Constitution.
Motion: to vote on
"Lifetime members that are not active require the club to pay their association fee, for little to no outcome. Voting on a new bi-law to be introduced whereby inactive Lifetime Members are to be taken off the books for numbers, and therefore Association fee's are not required to be paid for said inactive lifetime member. This is to come into effect until such time as in-active Lifetime Member becomes active again, and immediately will be placed back on to the books and association fee to cover said member will be completed".

Vote put to all members in attendance. Unanimous voted for (all nine members)

Lifetime members that are in-active are to be removed from the books, just solely for the purpose of saving the Tamworth 4wd Club in Association fee's.

AGM Voting positions
It was declared that all positions were made vacant.
A motion was put in place to re-instate all previous years positions
Vote 7 for, two against (President and Newsletter Editor/Vice Pres/Minute taker/club delegate)
Motion carried, all previous years positions kept in place.

President	: Colin
Vice President	: Dave
Treasurer	: Leanne
Secretary	: Katrina
Publicity Officer	: Katrina
Equipment Office	: Paul
Public Officer	: Graeme
Club Delegate	: Dave
Newsletter editor	: Dave

Club Fee's are to be kept at $60 annual fee for family. Unanimous voted for.
Meeting closed 7:38pm,

Treasurers Report 2026

Well, there has not been a lot happening this year, bank account balances have not changed much.

Income

We had 10 memberships paid from May 2025 to March 2026 totaling $600

Shirts Etc	$465.95
Total Income	$1065.95

Expenses

BBQ last meeting of the year	$ 49.99
Assoc Fees	$352.00
Reimburse Leanne Assoc fees for 2025	$308.00
Total expenses	$709.99

Current balances

Reserve Acc	$2606.00
Working Acc	$1100.33

Thank you all for allowing me o continue to be your treasurer.

We had quite a bit of trouble getting the reimbursement of last years fees paid back due to issues with the bank having the wrong settings for approvers.

Leanne Middleton

Life Time Memberships

Great for the member - but not so good for the club long term.

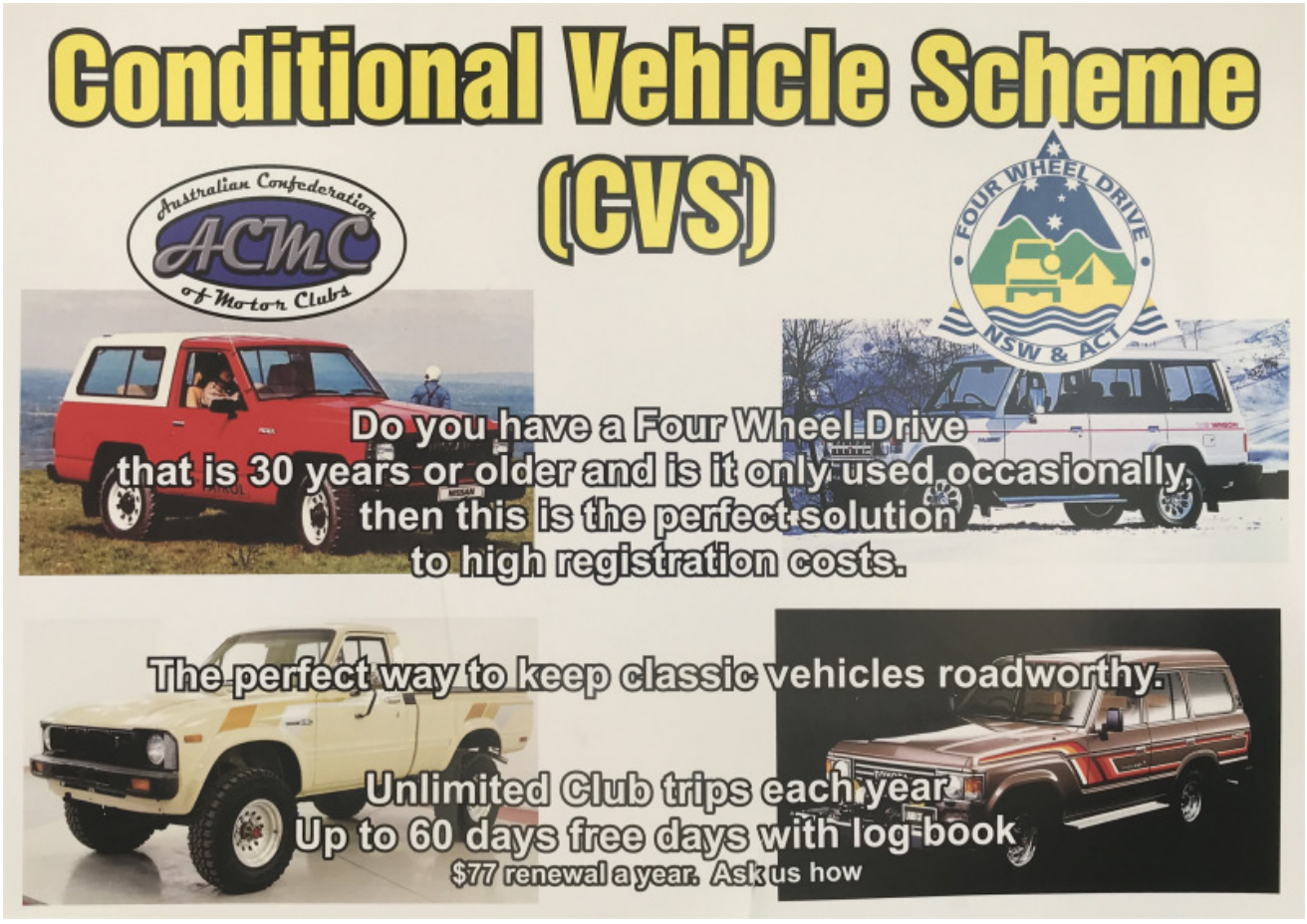
Membership fees paid to 4WD NSW/ACT each year must include any life memberships that a club has bestowed on a member. The club doesn't get paid the fee but the insurance company still needs to cover them so they must be declared.

But what to be done when the member is no longer active within the club?
It seems unfair to pay for a member that is not in the club anymore.

Clubs can do what best suits themselves but the following is one option to reduce the costs of unused Life Memberships.

Life members that are not active in your club any longer can be officially changed to "inactive"
Do this by adding a bylaw that states the following (or similar):

Life members that have not been active in the club for 2 years (decide on your club's own timeframe) are to be declared "inactive"
The membership can be reactivated if the member returns to the club after a long absence.
Ensure that any bylaw created does not contradict your club's constitution.


Conditional Vehicle Scheme
(CVS)
Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs
ACMC
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NSW & ACT
Do you have a Four Wheel Drive
that is 30 years or older and is it only used occasionally,
then this is the perfect solution
to high registration costs.
The perfect way to keep classic vehicles roadworthy.
Unlimited Club trips each year
Up to 60 days free days with log book
$77 renewal a year. Ask us how

CVS - Classic Vehicle Scheme, allows for modified and engineered 30-year old vehicles on the road for 60 days with a log book. It also allows for unlimited days for Club trips and events. This is also open to other vehicles including all registrable 2wd cars, VW style beach buggies, modified and engineered lowered cars & trucks that are under 3500kg. You will have 'CLASSIC' conditional NSW plates.
Interested in knowing more? Send an email to the Tamworth 4wd Club.
Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Introducing the Tamworth 4wd Club Stubby Cooler.
$10.00 each.
Contact Paul Ellison, or tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

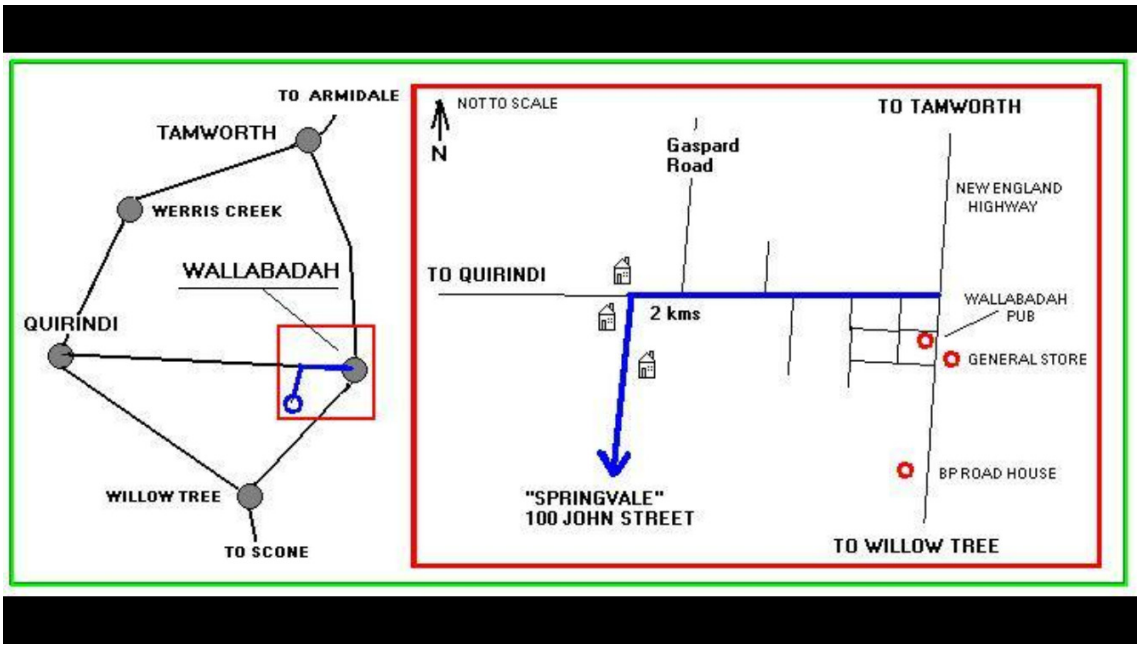
TAMWORTH
4WD CLUB
50th
ANNIVERSARY
TO BE HELD AT
WALLABADAH
24-26 JULY

Christmas in July combined Clubs 50th (...and Hodgey's birthday bash).

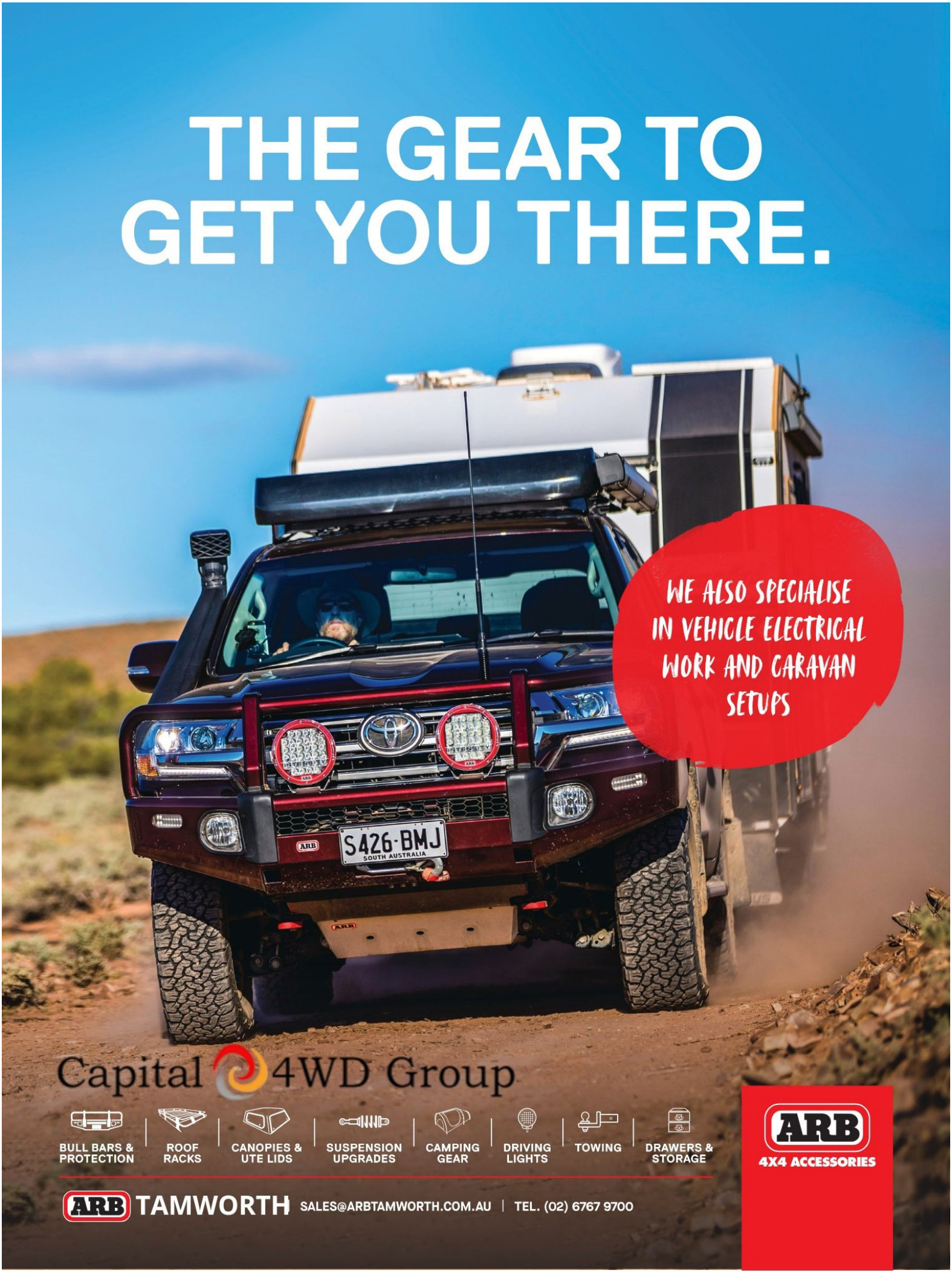
Where: Springvale, Wallabadah.
When: 24-26 July.
What : heaps on, fun & games, camping, Saturday night bonfire, 12k of tracks to drive, hill climb, creek drive, travel ramps, wombat holes, 4wd see-saw. Bring warm clothing, water, food, 4wd, camping gear, caravan / camper / swag.
Huge three course meal on the Saturday night around a bonfire.
$20/adult , $10/kids under 14. RSVP to tam4wdclub@hotmail by 15/July

50th anniversary dinner will be at Wallabadah Pub on the Friday night if there is enough interest.

For further information, contact Dave : dave.maunder@gmail.com
M: 0429111017 / 0429 656 363.



Springvale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4X4 FIT-OUTS

COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS

DUAL BATTERY SYSTEM SETUPS

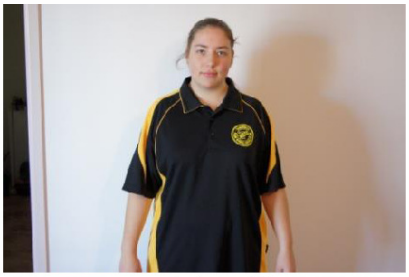
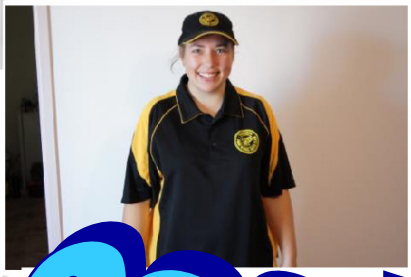
TAKE THE LEAD.

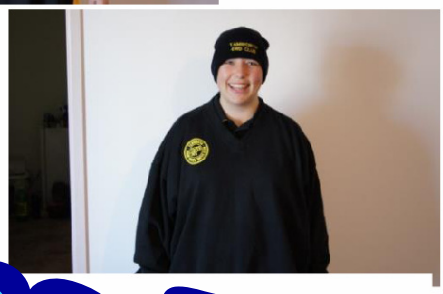
TJM 4X4 EQUIPPED

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



See Leanne for new pricing

- $30 - [illegible]
- $40 - Hoodies
- [illegible] - Caps
- [illegible]

- $[illegible]
- $30 - Jumpers
- [illegible] - Hoodies
- If [illegible] merchandise [illegible]eton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
: dave.maunder@gmail.com
Phone (Dave) : 0429111017
(Dave) : 0429656363
(Leanne) : 0408605343

Family membership: $60/year

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ……

First Name: …… DOB: ……

Partner's Name: …… …… DOB: ……

Child's Name: …… DOB: ……

Child's Name: …… DOB: ……

Child's Name: …… …. DOB: ……

Residential Address:

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Postal Address: ……

Which would you prefer published in the newsletter? Residential/Postal

Email Address: ……

Note:

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☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by ordinary mail and not by email.

Phone Number: Home: …… **Work**: ……

Mobile/s: ……

Vehicle Details: Make: ……

Model: ……

Year: …… Registration: ……

Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency: ……

Emergency contact phone number: ……

Signature of Member: …… Date: ……

Signature of Partner: …… Date: ……

Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

P.O Box 3345
West Tamworth
NSW 2340

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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2001, it is an offence to publish or distribute the personal information of any member of the Tamworth 4WD Club Inc. without the written permission of the member. Similarly, we are not permitted to publish any photographs of club member's vehicles or their families when on club trips without written permission. In order to organise club trips and events, the trip leader or event organiser needs to contact club members and we need to be able to pass your details to fellow club members. Also, we like to include trip and social reports, including photos, and promote the club at sponsor's promotion days and 4WD shows.

In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Section 1

Please tick the statement with which you agree

☐ I/We hereby **give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal details (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or

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Section 2

Please tick the statement with which you agree

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

Just a gentle reminder !!!

Before leaving on any trip all participants should make sure you have a **-Snatch strap- Solid recovery points on your vechile- Rated Bow Shackles minimum of 3.25 - UHF radio, desirable- Fire Extinguisher.**

History of the Tamworth 4WD Club

Tamworth Recreational 4WD Club was formed in 1976 by local Four Wheel Drive owners. It is a family orientated club and caters for family participation in recreational four wheel drive touring and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction.

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Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Xmas in July, demonstrations and inter club activities.

The Objectives of the Club

- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

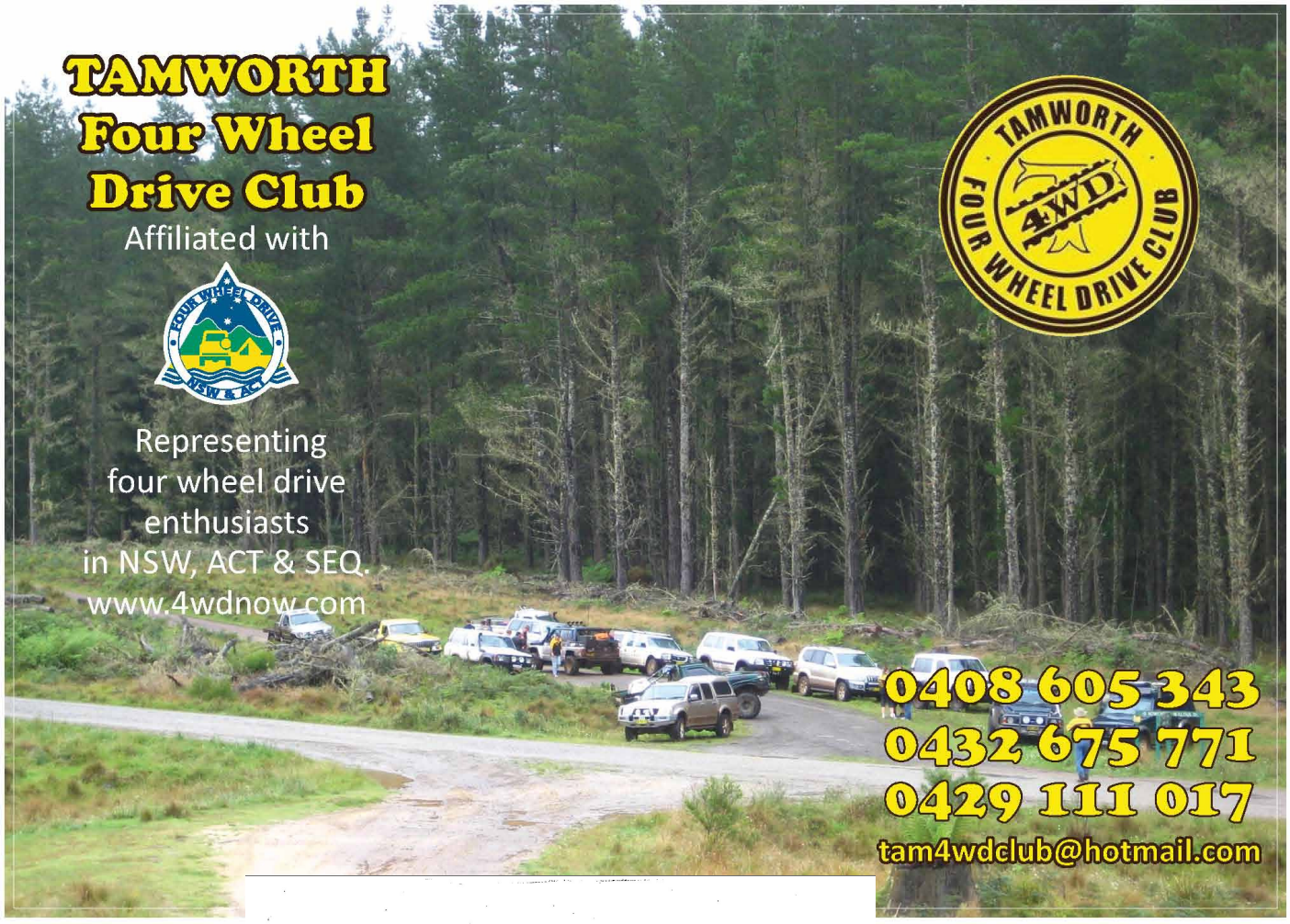
Current Financial Members
Rick & Katrina Burton
Jodie Thompson
Shaun Morrison
Paul Ellison & Melinda Bridge
Chrissy & Dave Maunder
Richard Mariner
Dave & Karma Walters
Aaron Walters & Nicole Ward
Sam Walters & Izzy Cleaver
Terry & Helen Collins
Tim Patterson & family.
Colin & Sue Turner.
Kevin & Asia Gorick.
Jason Green and family.
Joshua & Fiona Walker.
Anthony Said
Adam Batho

Club Life Members
Graeme Hodge
Leanne & Col Middleton

Sponsors
TJM Tamworth
ARB Tamworth

Removed from official members record listing (in active)
This is to save the club from having to pay dead money for Association fee's.

Phil Swindale (removed from listing. In-active)
Bob Tallon (removed from listing. In-active)



FOUR WHEEL DRIVING!!

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